



# The Town Crier

City of Algona

DECEMBER 2014

## HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING - WAFFLE PARK

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 7th - 6 PM**

Join us for our 3rd Annual Holiday Tree lighting at Waffle Park. Entertainment will be provided and refreshments will be supplied. Come join in the fun and get the holiday spirit started.

## RATE INCREASES

Due to escalated rates for the purchase of water, as well as King County sewer increases, residential utility rates are expected to rise. Water rates are expected to increase 10%, sewer rates are expected to increase 12%, and storm water rates are expected to increase \$2.00. New rates will begin January 2015. Commercial/Industrial rates have increased as well.

## PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS

Beginning 2015, payment arrangements will only be accepted **once during a 12 month period**. Unfortunately, due to the increasing amount of past due accounts, it has become necessary to enforce this policy. It is not our intent to create a hardship, however, it is important to maintain accounts in good standing to avoid possible liens and/or collection procedures.

## Annual Christmas Tree Pick-up!

**Wednesday, Jan. 7 and Thursday, Jan. 8, 2015**

- ☞ Christmas trees need to be cut into 4 foot lengths and tied into bundles no more than two feet wide.
- ☞ All tinsel, garland, and ornament hangers must be removed.
- ☞ Flocked trees **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED** as they are not recyclable.

### Fact:

*Keeping pollutants out of the water isn't just a good idea - it's the law. The Washington State Water Pollution Control Law (RCW 90.48) and the King County Code (KCC 9.12) prohibit the discharge of pollutants to the storm drainage system, surface water and groundwater. Direct dumping of material or polluted stormwater can negatively affect every water body it enters.*

### Algona City Council

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The Algona City Council meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of City Hall

The Council conducts workshop sessions the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM in the Council Chambers of City Hall

All meetings of the City Council are open to the public

**Council Meetings**  
2nd & 4th Tuesday

**Visit our website at:**  
[www.algonawa.gov](http://www.algonawa.gov)



The Algona Police Department is dedicated to providing quality and professional law enforcement services to our community members. I am proud to have a staff of men and women who work very hard to provide these services to you and our community that we serve. The holiday season is upon us and we have boosted our patrols to assure we provide maximum service. To assist us in combating crime, I urge everyone to lock their homes and vehicles to reduce the opportunity for criminals to visit you during this time of year. We would be happy to visit your home and go over some crime prevention tips to help reduce the chances of criminal activity in or around your home. Algona is a safe place to live, however, we want to assure that we are not unknowingly providing opportunities of crime. If you would like a home visit, please feel free to contact the Algona Police Department at 253-833-2743 or walk in to our lobby and request the visit.

**Chief Lee Gaskill**

### **Is Your Pet Prepared?...**

Winter brings the chance for power outages, flooding, snow, ice and all kinds of emergencies. When you prepare your family, think about preparing for your pets as well.

- ♦ Have a 3 day supply of food and water for your pets.
- ♦ Keep an extra supply of medicines that your pet takes.
- ♦ Have your pet wear a collar with rabies tag, identification and Metro license at all times.
- ♦ If you need to evacuate, have pet litter and litter box, newspapers, paper towels, plastic trash bags, and household chlorine bleach to provide for your pet's sanitation needs.
- ♦ Make a plan for what you will do in an emergency/evacuation. Where will you go if you need to evacuate? Don't assume that all shelters will be able to allow pets. Plan for pet-friendly alternatives before you're in the middle of an emergency.
- ♦ Talk to neighbors, friends or relatives about what to do if your area needs to evacuate while you're at work. Can someone else get your pet and your pet's emergency kit for you?
- ♦ Talk to your vet about their advice for emergency preparedness.
- ♦ Consider microchipping—along with a Metro license, these tools will help you reconnect with your pet if you're separated.
- ♦ Make sure you have contact information for Metro Animal Services in case you need to find your pet. Put their phone number in your cell phone: 253-299-PETS.

Pet licenses can be purchased and renewed at Algona City Hall, 402 Warde Street.  
You can also license by mail by downloading the form at  
[www.metroanimalserivces.org](http://www.metroanimalserivces.org).



## Mayor's Message

### 2015 Celebration

2015 is the 60th anniversary of the incorporation of Algonawamus as a city. That makes 2015 the diamond anniversary or "Diamond Jubilee". We are going to be marking this important occasion with monthly events. Many of these events are not planned as I write this update. Some will be long term events like Algonawamus Days in July, more recent events like the fishing derby and movies in the park and some will probably be brand new events. Whatever the instance, they are designed to offer the opportunity for all of our residents to come together, meet neighbors and experience that authentic small city atmosphere of Algonawamus. We really are blessed to have such a fine city. Our Administrative, Public Works, and Police staff work hard to provide quality services to the city.

### Public Awareness

If you have not noticed, we are using the Police speed trailer for more than telling drivers they are speeding. We are including messages for events and meetings. We have also installed a community board in Waffle Park (intersection of 1st Ave and Milwaukee Blvd), where we post information. These are two additions to this monthly newsletter and our community email blast. We are committed to providing our residents with as transparent government as we can.

We will be adding an additional speed trailer that the Public Works Department will use to warn of street conditions and other Public Works notifications. In addition we will be using that trailer for public notifications of events and meetings.

### Audit

Algonawamus was recently audited for the years 2011, 2012 and 2013. The Audit consisted of random verification of accounting records and entries for the last 3 years. They found nothing out of the ordinary. When I met with the auditors, they were very complimentary of the professionalism of the staff. I want to commend our City Administrator/Clerk Treasurer Diana Quinn, and her whole department including Laurie, Ken, and Julie. We are very lucky that we have such dedicated staff. You can reference the audit report on the internet by going to the Washington State Auditors Office.

### West Valley Highway

We recently received notice that we are being awarded over \$600,000 in a grant to overlay West Valley Highway from 1st Ave to 5th Ave S. This grant is from Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC). Last year we completed an overlay from 1st Ave to near the King County Transfer Station. When complete, the new overlay will improve West Valley from the southern city limits to near the existing King County Transfer Station. It has been a long hard struggle to get help on this regionally significant road. Unfortunately, the remaining sections will not be repairable without significant investment in rebuilding of the roadway foundation.

## Algonawamus City Staff

### ADMINISTRATION (253) 833-2897

**David E. Hill**  
Mayor  
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**Diana Quinn**  
City Administrator/  
Clerk Treasurer

**Laurie Ulrich**  
Deputy City Clerk/Treas

**Ken Faucher**  
Certified Permit Technician/  
Customer Service Clerk

**Julie Knauss**  
Clerical Assistant

**Kevin Caviezel**  
Event Coordinator/Economic Dev

### POLICE DEPARTMENT Non Emergency (253) 852-2121

**Lee Gaskill**  
Interim Police Chief

**James Schrimpsheer**  
Sergeant

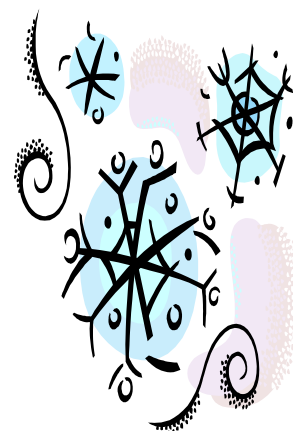
**Gil Lenger**  
**James McKay**  
**Terry Carter**  
**Rich Tison**  
**Mike Armstrong**  
**Brian Bard**  
**Terbinos Gebremariam**  
Police Officers

### PUBLIC WORKS (253) 833-2741

**Jimmy Griess**  
Public Works Director

**Salvador Marez**  
**John Zanoni**  
**Noah St. Martin**  
Utility Workers

**Office Hours:**  
Monday – Friday  
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM





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Don't Forget  
Free Popcorn  
Fridays !

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	1 Disconnect notices for past due September Bills	2	3 Water shut off for past due September bills	4	5	6
7 Holiday Tree Lighting 6 pm Waffle Park	8	9 Council Workshop 6 PM  Council Meeting 7 PM	10	11 Planning Commission 6:30 PM	12	13
14	15 Penalties posted for past due October bills & notices mailed	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 Council Workshop 6 PM Council Meeting 7 PM	24 City Hall Closed	25 City Hall Closed	26	27
28	29	30	31	JAN 1 City Hall Closed	JAN 2	JAN 3
JAN 4	JAN 5 Disconnect notices for past due October Bills	JAN 6	JAN 7 Water shut off for past due October bills  Xmas Tree Pickup	JAN 8  Xmas Tree Pickup	JAN 9	JAN 10

